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(C) On February 18, EconOff delivered demarche (ref A) to Witold Smidowski, the MFA desk officer for the Palestinian Authority, and to Krzysztof Buzalski in the MFA's Department of Development Cooperation. They stated that Foreign Minister Sikorski had received a personal invitation to the conference planned for March 2 from the Egyptian Trade Minister. Smidowski said that the Poles would like to be represented at the Minister level, and are working on re-arranging Sikorski's schedule to make his participation possible. The Poles hope for a "businesslike conference" focused on aid, and hope the Egyptian hosts will not try to force political questions onto the agenda. When asked about a possible Polish pledge, Smidowski and Buzalski noted that Poland and the Palestinian Authority recently signed an agreement on development cooperation, and that in its 2009 assistance budget, the MFA has designated PLN 1.5 million (about USD 430,000) for assistance projects, including training about 30 police. The Poles have also provided EUR 230,000 to UNRWA for humanitarian assistance in Gaza (ref B).
Post will follow-up to confirm details of Polish participation.
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